

REMARKS

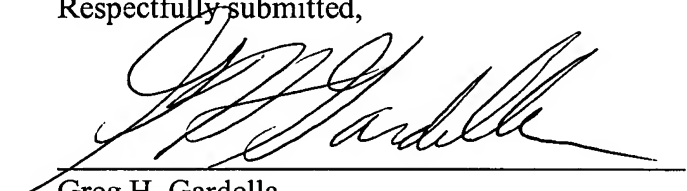
The Applicant has abandoned the previously allowed parent application in favor of the instant continuation. Claims 1-31 correspond to previously allowed claims 1-31. This amendment also introduces new claims 32-55.

The Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the foregoing preliminary amendments to the specification and to the claims. The Applicant has herewith enclosed a check in the amount of \$1788 for the basic filing fee, additional claims fee, and surcharge fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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